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Dear Dr. Henney

I am writing to urge the FDA to strengthen its proposal on limiting new uses of antibiotics in agriculture. However, it is not sufficient merely to limit new uses of antibiotics. The current over uses of antibiotics both in human medicine and in animal feeds must be quickly curtailed.

The Environmental Defense Fund, along with other prominent public interest organizations is petitioning the FDA to revoke its approvals for existing uses of the six antibiotics in animal feed, consistent with the recommendations of the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control.

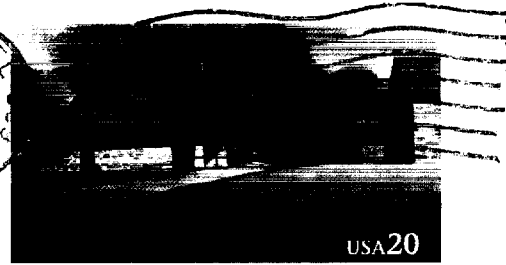
I am joining the above organizations in urging you to ban human antibiotics in animal feeds.

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